

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A device for implanting a cervical prosthesis includes a cervical prosthesis, an insertion instrument, and a holder which facilitates the connection of the gripping members of the insertion instrument to the prosthesis. The holder receives the prosthesis with an exact fit and has, on the anterior face of the prosthesis, an opening for admission of the gripping members of the insertion instrument. The opening contains guide elements for guiding the gripping members of the insertion instrument into a removal position in which the complementary projections and recesses of the gripping members and of the prosthesis lie opposite one another.